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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: TSPA, UR, SW
SUBJ: SOVIET SATELLITE

REF: STOCKHOLM 0315 (NOTAL)

1. CHIEF OF THIRD DIVISION OF MFA (UN AND SPACE AFFAIRS),
PER KETTIS, TELEPHONED DCM JANUARY 25 ON INSTRUCTIONS MFA
SECRETARY-GENERAL LEIFLAND TO REPORT THAT LEIFLAND HAD CALLED
IN SOVIET CHARGE RYMKO JANUARY 25 TO DELIVER MESSAGE ABOUT
SWEDEN'S NOT BEING INFORMED SOONER RE DESCENT OF SOVIET SATELLITE.

2. GIST OF MESSAGE GIVEN TO SOVIET CHARGE WAS AS FOLLOWS:
"ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, SOVIET SATELLITE PASSED ABOVE
SWEDEN AND COULD HAVE BEEN IN DANGEROUS POSITION DURING
EMERGENCY DESCENT. TASS COMMUNIQUE SAID USSR AWARE OF DIFFI-
CULTIES WITH SATELLITE AS EARLY AS JANUARY 6, AND USSR HAD
CONTACTS ON THIS MATTER ON INTERNATIONAL LEVEL (READ WITH US).
SWEDEN THEREFORE FINDS IT REMARKABLE THAT IT WAS NOT TOLD
EARLIER BY USSR ABOUT THIS MATTER. IF SIMILAR EVENTS OCCUR
IN FUTURE, SWEDISH GOVERNMENT EXPECTS THAT IT WILL BE INFORMED.
GOS WILL NOW CONSIDER WHAT PROPOSALS FOR ACTION ON INTER-
NATIONAL PLANE MAY BE PUT FORWARD".

3. KETTIS ADDED THAT LEIFLAND HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO TELL US,
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"MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER", THAT SWEDEN ALSO WISHED USG
HAD INFORMED SWEDEN ABOUT WHAT WAS HAPPENING.

4. DCM TOLD KETTIS THAT WE UNDERSTOOD SWEDEN'S CONCERN ABOUT
NOT BEING INFORMED, IF SWEDEN WAS INDEED IN POSSIBLE FLIGHT
PATH, AND THAT AMBASSADOR HAD ALREADY ASKED FOR MORE INFORMATION
IN THIS MATTER.

5. COMMENT: NOW THAT GOS HAS RAISED IT OFFICIALLY, WE WOULD
BE PARTICULARLY APPRECIATIVE FOR APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND INFOR-
MATION ON WHICH GOVERNMENTS WERE INFORMED AND WHY SWEDEN WAS
NOT INFORMED, FOR PASSING TO GOS, AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE.
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